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Mr. Robert E. Bornstein
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SUBJECT: AT(05-1)-ML-60.8-NM-B-1

Dear Mr. Bornstein:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the statement of work to address the environmental concerns at the subject lease site located near Grants, NM. Two scenarios are presented. The first scenario proposes a covering action such as the one performed by the EPA on properties adjacent to the subject lease site. Included is the mine closure requirements which have previously been approved by your office. The second scenario requires the removal of all radiological material in excess of $57\mu\text{R/hr}$ to be removed and placed in the abandoned mine and the mine closed in accordance with the previously approved plan.

As you are aware, it is the intent of DOE to remediate the area and then return the lease tract to the Department of Interior (DOI) for its ultimate return to the Navajo Nation. Accordingly, both the DOE and EPA will need input from DOI before selecting the appropriate scenario. From a cost standpoint, the first scenario is preferred by DOE and DOE recognizes that long-term liability may rest with the DOE for any environmental issues.

If the proposed actions are acceptable to you and your office is interested in forming an Interagency Agreement (IA) for the EPA to perform the remedial action activities through a subcontractor, please provide me with a cost estimate for performing the two scenarios. If an IA is acceptable and you have any representative samples to provide me, it would be appreciated.

If you have any questions, please write me at the address above or call me at 303/248-6003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Ivey", is written over the typed name and title.

Robert E. Ivey
Contracting Officer

cc: J. Lyle, DOE-ID, MS-1117